

## 7.3.1 Distinctiveness of the College

The S.L.N. Charities was started by Janopakari Sri Doddanna Setty in 1905 with the sole aim of imparting education to all sections of the society in general and poorer sections in particular. This institution was declared open on 11th March, 1906 by His Highness Sri. Krishnaraja Wodeyar Bahadur, the then Maharaja of Mysore State. S.L.N. College of Arts and Commerce, which is governed by the S.L.N. Charities, is committed to provide affordable higher education to the economically poor students of the society. The college had only B.Com. Course up to to 2006. Later, two additional courses viz BBM and B.A.(two combinations) have been started to give choice of courses to the students. It is affiliated to the Bangalore University and recognized u/s 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC. The S.L.N. Charities is committed to give all financial and administrative support to the College. The managing committee of S.L.N. Charities is constituted by the Government of Karnataka. The Managing Committee of the Trust is constituted once in four years by the Department of Endowments, Government of Karnataka as per the Will of the Donor Sri. Janopakari Sri Doddanna Setty. With the establishment of lot of Government Colleges in the vicinity, the sustenance of the intake of students strength has becoming challenging as more number of degree colleges emerged in the nearby vicinity of the college. However all efforts are being made by the Management, Principal and the staff of the College to remain committed to the vision and will of the Donor Sri. Doddanna Setty in establishing the Trust and putting its best effort to sustain thestudents strength. History : Through the earnest zeal and passion of the Donor Sahukar Janopakari Sri. Doddanna Setty, a merchant and a great philanthropist of the times, SLN Charities made its inception in the year 1906, deeply committed to the service of the humanity through education

and employment through cottage industries. The Trust was established with the Will of the donor dedicated to the spirit of sacrifice and service to humanity as envisaged by Sri Doddanna Setty. Initially started as Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Dharma Patashale in 1905, the school was inaugurated on 10-3-1906 by the Maharaja of Mysore. His selfless service endeared him to the rich and the ordinary alike and he earned the title 'Janopakari' meaning: one who does favour for the people'. He was awarded the title 'Janopakari' by His Highness Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wodeyar in Amba Vilas Palace on 18-10-1907 with the traditional Mysore Peta and the Dollar of Gandaberunda-the royal insignia of the dynasty. Janopakari Sri Doddanna Setty fired by the Maharaja of Mysore Sri. Krishnaraja Wodeyar-IV with a request to allot a piece of land so that he can build an institution which will survive to posterity rendering public good through education and culture. The Maharaja offered about 05.5 acres of land to Sri Doddanna Setty right opposite to the Tippu Sultan Fort in Bangalore.

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